availability of Citizen Band sets at low cost can make the use of Citizen Band Radio under MPLADS more popular.

Development of Road Projects in Orissa with foreign aid programmes

*147. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has submitted a list of important road projects before the Central Government for their development with foreign aid;

(b) whether Government have examined those proposals;

(c) if so, the action initiated thereon so far;

(d) the present position with regard to obtaining foreign aid and assistance for those projects; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Proposals have been received for improvement of State Roads in Orissa.

(c) to (e) World Bank has agreed to provide Project Preparation Facility (PPF) Loan for 802 kms length of roads in different parts of the State. However, the actual scope of the projects and the amount of loan will be finalised on the basis of the study of PPF. In addition, proposals for improvement of two State road projects, namely (i) Panikolli-Rajamundra Road; and (ii) Bhubaneswar-Puri road, have been shortlisted for posing for loan assistance to Overseen Economic Co-operation Fund of Japan.

Nuclear Tests by China and France

*148. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China and France have lately conducted Nuclear tests; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto in the context of world peace, violation of the test ban treaty and reversal of the progress towards realisation of a nuclear weapon free world, an objective spelt out by India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. During 1995, China has conducted two underground tests and France has conducted four underground tests.

(b) In a statement issued on 15 September 1995, Government has expressed dismay over the recent nuclear tests and stated that they represent a serious setback to the ongoing negotiations for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and undermine its successful conclusion. Government has also, inter alia, expressed the hope that all countries will negotiate in good faith for a universal, comprehensive, non-discriminatory and effective CTBT as an important step towards nuclear disarmament and, meanwhile, refrain from actions contrary to the objectives of the CTBT.

Foreign investment in Food Processing Sector

*149. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of foreign investment approved in Food Processing Sector so far;

(b) the State-wise and Project-wise